CALL FOR ARTISTS

PUBLIC ART: MITCHELL PARK EAST AND WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Mitchell Park East and West Neighborhood Associations (MPE/WNA) announce a public art opportunity for artists to design, fabricate and install an aesthetically and environmentally friendly art piece to welcome residents and visitors to our neighborhood.

MITCHELL PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

Our neighborhoods surround Tempe's Mitchell Park and Childsplay's Campus for Imagination and Wonder at Mitchell Park. Mitchell Park is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Tempe. It is a robust and bustling community with an eclectic mix of rental and permanent residents, restaurants, and businesses. It is a pedestrian/bicycle friendly zone, adjacent to the downtown Mill Avenue District. The Marianne Corder Neighborhood Enhancement Grant offers a unique opportunity to create an artistic enhancement for this historic neighborhood.

TRAFFIC CALMING

It is our belief that the addition of public art in this location will enhance the pedestrian experience and moderate motor vehicle traffic, thereby creating a more comfortable and vibrant place for residents.

SITE LOCATION

The chosen site for this project is the median divider on 13th Street just east of Hardy Drive. The median is approximately 50 feet long and 8 feet wide. The median is currently landscaped with desert plantings. Artists may choose to design within the existing landscaping, or remove all or part of it, costs for which must be included in the total fee.

ELIGIBILITY

This project is open to all artists residing in Arizona. Collaborations are welcome.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Creativity and uniqueness of the work sample will be the primary criterion. Artists are encouraged to visit all of the public art sites in both neighborhoods as they design their proposal. This project will be the latest addition to the public art collection of both neighborhoods. In addition, consideration should be given to the Hardy Drive Streetscape project which will enhance the streetscape and calm traffic on Hardy Drive between University Drive and Broadway Road. For information about the Hardy Drive Project visit: www.tempe.gov/HardyDrive. For information about the MPE/WNA neighborhood art visit: www.tempe.gov/publicart Click on "Art in Neighborhoods."

BUDGET

Budgets are all-inclusive and will not exceed \$20,000 for the installation in the median.

Budget must cover all expenses including: design and preparation, supplies and materials necessary for the design, and fabrication and installation for completing the project. Costs associated with the collaborative process, taxes and insurance, and transportation of the artist and artwork are the responsibility of the artist.

The installation must be fully completed before June 30, 2014.

DEADLINE

All submissions must be received no later than: July 24, 2013.

Please send to: MPE&WNA Public Art Project dsaar@childsplayaz.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions contact David Saar at: dsaar@childsplayaz.org

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HOW TO APPLY

The Artist Selection Panel will review artists' portfolio images and written materials to select finalists. This Panel will evaluate the applicant's professional qualifications, proven ability to undertake projects of a similar scope, and artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted materials. The Artist Selection Panel has been selected by the MPE/W Boards, and is comprised of MPE/W Board members and neighborhood representatives. If funding is received, following an opportunity for community input on each finalist, one artist will be selected by the Panel to complete the project.

The selected artist will work directly with the Artist Selection Panel to develop a concept for permanent artwork on the selected site. All public art projects in Arizona are exposed to weather, physical stresses and subject to vandalism and should be fabricated of highly durable, low-maintenance materials.

The entire submission should be sent as one PDF file including all submittal materials listed below. Specific proposals are not requested at this stage in the process and will not be accepted.

LETTER OF INTENT:

(Maximum I page) Describe why you are interested in a streetscape project and relevant past experience.

RESUME:

(Maximum 2 pages) Please include your address, email address and telephone number.

IMAGES:

(Maximum 2 pages) Five images of recent related work. Specific proposals will not be accepted. A separate document providing information about the images. For each image submitted list the title, date, media, size, site, budget and a thumbnail of the image.

SPONSORED BY

The City of Tempe's Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant program provides funding for this public art project. This request does not commit MPE/WNA to enter an agreement to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of this request, or in any subsequent negotiations, or to produce a contract for the project. MPE/WNA reserves the right to reject any and all applications, or to reissue the Request for Qualifications. MPE/WNA is not responsible for loss of or damage to materials included with applications.



 indicates current art in neighborhood (tiled standpipes, roundabouts, etc.)

